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## **Agency Summary**

STATE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

David V. Medina, Executive Director State Board of Tax Appeals (602) 364-1102 A.R.S. § 42-1252

## Mission:

To provide an independent appeals process for taxpayers with adverse decisions from the Department of Revenue and/or the Office of Administrative Hearings, and to resolve jurisdictional disputes between municipalities regarding the imposition of transaction privilege and use taxes.

## Description:

The State Board of Tax Appeals hears and decides appeals filed by taxpayers and Arizona municipalities concerning income, transaction privilege, use, luxury, and estate taxes.

To receive and process tax appeals expeditiously to avoid ♦ Goal 1 any delays in the appeals process.

Objective: 1 FY2021: To provide an independent effective, accessible appeals process for taxpayers with disputes relating to income, sales, use, estate, and luxury tax decisions from the Department of Revenue and/or the Office of Administrative Hearings in a timely and efficient manner.

FY2022: To provide an independent effective, accessible appeals process for taxpayers with disputes relating to income, sales, use, estate, and luxury tax decisions from the Department of Revenue and/or the Office of Administrative Hearings in a timely and efficient manner.

FY2023: To provide an independent effective, accessible appeals process for taxpayers with disputes relating to income, sales, use, estate, and luxury tax decisions from the Department of Revenue and/or the Office of Administrative Hearings in a timely and efficient manner.

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Performance Measures	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Estimate	FY 2023 Estimate	
Caseload processing (and number of issues)	30(72)	60(110)	42(90)	
Number of tax appeals resolved	9	40	20	
Number backlogged requiring written decision	6	5	5	
Number of months to process appeal	8	8	8	

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Performance Measures:			FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023		
	ML	Budget	Тур	e	Actual	Estimate	Actual	Estimate	Estimate
1	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>	IP	Caseload processing (and number of issues)	42(82)	45(90)	30(72)	60(110)	4 <mark>2</mark> (90)
2	<b>V</b>	<b>~</b>	OP	Number of tax appeals resolved	12	30	9	40	20
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# **Budget Related Performance Measures**

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### Solutions:

Maintaining a current appeals process continues to be the Board's chief priority. The timely issuance and publication of decisions not only benefits the parties involved in the appeals, but also provides much-needed guidance to tax attorneys, CPAs and tax partitioners, as well as others involved in the field of State taxation. The Covid-19 pandemic over the last couple of years has forced the Board to compress the number of appeals heard into fewer scheduled hearing dates. This translates into a significant increase in the number of months to complete the appeals process because of the additional time between proposed decisions rendered by the Board and the final approval of the formal decisions. Over the past years the Department of Revenue has added a significant number of new auditors to its staff. Because the Board's caseload is directly related to the number of appeals generated at the Department of Revenue, more audits will certainly increase the number of appeals filed with the Board, and with no corresponding increase to the Board's budget, this will directly impact the Board's caseload. In the future, the Board may be compelled to request additional funding.

## **Resource Assumptions**

	FY2024 Estimate	FY2025 Estimate	FY2026 Estimate
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	3.0	3.0	3.0
General Fund	283.3	283.3	283.3
Other Appropriated Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-Appropriated Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0